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Subject: RE: Water Quality Sample Results as of August 12

Thank you very much, Carolyn. This is important and encouraging info. So we'll go ahead and invite witnesses from other agencies for the September 11 multi-agency policy overview hearing, such as DOD, Interior, and maybe US Forest Service. We'll likely include GAO who did a report for Mr. Tonko regarding BLM and Forest Service.

We understand that some of our questions and requests for information are more difficult to respond to than others and that you guys are doing your best to respond as answers and information are available. Thanks. Dave

From: Levine, Carolyn [mailto:Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 1:09 PM
Subject: Water Quality Sample Results as of August 12

Hi all,

To assess the impacts of the release at the Gold King Mine near Silverton, Colorado, water quality samples were collected at numerous intervals beginning on Aug. 5, 2015. Samples were taken prior to the plume's arrival to establish a baseline for water quality comparisons. Each surface water sample was analyzed for 24 metals, including arsenic, cadmium, lead, and mercury.

Analysis now shows that water quality for the Animas River from the Silverton, Colo. area to the Durango municipal water intake has returned to pre-event water quality levels. These results are based on validated sampling data collected from Aug. 5 to Aug. 9, 2015.

EPA has shared this data with state, local and tribal officials in Colorado to assist them in their decisions regarding the on-going use of water resources. EPA plans to continue to monitor, analyze and share data for downstream river segments as it becomes available.

The data tables can be found on our website:

<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/epa-statement-colorado-data-gold-king-mine-release>

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